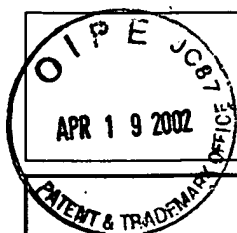04-22-02

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/305,146, filed May 4, 1999, entitled METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR COMPONENT BASED INFORMATION LINKING DURING CLAIM PROCESSING.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: *The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 371..*

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: *A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).*

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: *The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.*

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: *In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific request required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).*

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).

    a. ☐ *DELETE* the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

        _____.

    b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. ☒ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

    a. ☐ PTO-1449

    b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	18 - 20 =		x $ 18.00	$
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =		x $ 84.00	
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))			+ $ 280.00	
				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))	740.00
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				TOTAL =	$740.00

6. Small entity status:

   a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.

   b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

   c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to

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   a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.

   b. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

   c. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.

8. ☒ A check in the amount of $ 740.00 is enclosed.

9. ☐ Other:_____ .

NOTE: *The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided.*

10. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED	
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